

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Anita Duncan, Natalie Garfinkle, Larry Gifford, Emma Green, Michael Greenberg, Joan Hellmann, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Marilyn Korn, Mary Levins, Leila Lieberman, Alice Oberstein, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh

President Jennifer Bigelow commenced the board meeting at 11:05 a.m.

MINUTES: The following motion made by Marilyn Korn was seconded by Leila Lieberman and passed by the board: The February 2006 minutes be accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following motion made by Mary Levins was seconded by Denise Walsh and passed by the board: The Treasurer's Report be accepted as it appeared in the March newsletter.

MARCH 2007 QUILT SHOW: President Bigelow reported that the Quilt Show Committee meets bi-weekly on Monday and that the raffle quilt has been sent out to be quilted. Second Vice President Michael Greenberg discussed raffle ticket pricing, legalities of ticket pricing and postcard pricing.

Some quotes for ticket pricing were as follows: \$125/5000, \$163/5000 and \$137/4000; color can raise the price by \$100. Raffle Quilt Chair Paula Kenney will coordinate.

Empire members will receive their raffle book tickets, to sell, at the September 2006 meeting. Shops selling our tickets will get the raffle book tickets in June 2006 to sell over the summer. To be investigated: Two quilt shops in Connecticut (Danbury and Norwalk) may be able to sell our tickets.

Also discussed were pre-selling entrance tickets to the show at discount, group discounts and raffle book pricing. Show Press and Publicity Chair Susan Mendoza will handle promotion.

Quilt Show Chair Larry Gifford spoke about space; he is ready to entertain budgets.

MAY PROGRAM: Jennifer brought up an idea generated by Treasurer Kitty Squire and Nominating Chair Sylvia Hughes concerning using the May general meeting to discuss where the guild should be going. This would involve small group roundtable topic discussion, spokespersons, idea generation and member involvement. Jennifer will put the topics for the May roundtable meeting in the May newsletter. Board members will facilitate topic discussion at each roundtable group so that membership can be heard as to what they want from the guild, ideas for structuring these desires and increasing their individual involvement in the guild for those ends. Jennifer will announce this at the general meeting to follow; she requests our ideas for topics to engender discussion.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH: Chair Natalie Garfinkle announced that Diane Rode Schneck had to cancel as April's Quilter of the Month. It was suggested she ask Winifred Sanders.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: Webmaster Cindy Russell thanked Service Committee Chairs Denise Wash-Horowitz, Alice Oberstein and Marion Webber for a job well done at the February charity day meeting. The board concurred and gave them a round of applause.

MISCELLANEOUS: Jennifer will read a thank you note from the UN ladies, in attendance last month, for the quilt we donated to them for charity; one of them joined our guild. Jennifer received an e-mail from Benartex, and will announce their request for members to do samples from their fabric collection for cash or fabric. Michael passed around an article about Soaring Words, an organization that donates quilts to facilities that care for children who are ill. Sunshine Chair Beth Pile spoke about an organization called Quilters Consortium of NY State that gives grants to guild for service projects. Kitty discussed seeing the name of Empire Quilters as sponsor of the Studio Art Quilters Alliance of NY listed in the Somerset, NJ, show catalog.

Joan Hellmann moved and Marilyn Korn seconded the following motion passed by the board: As all business is concluded, the meeting be adjourned. President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Joan E. Hellmann, Secretary